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# New View

## Mastering Mt. High

By Carmen Esquer

From the bunny slopes to the advanced courses, Mount students enjoyed an evening adventure and great snow at Mt. High ski resort.

The March 7 ski trip was sponsored by the freshman and sophomore class senators.

For many of the students who attended, skiing was a new sport. According to Emily Quincannon, freshman senator, many of the beginner skiers picked up the sport fast. But, she said, "We didn't know if they were going fast because they had learned so well or because they couldn't stop!"

Amy Grant, a student who mastered the sport was being called "maniac" by the end of the day. Grant said she definitely plans to go back again.

Kim Foldernauer came back with a huge bruise to show for her skiing efforts. However, she said the trip was not a waste because "the guys were hot!"

Thirty people backed out of the trip at the last minute. However, Quincannon said the trip ended up being a great activity.



Great skiing conditions contributed to the success of the evening adventure at Mt. High.

## Spacing Constraints Hit Art Department Hardest

By Patricia Ibanez

The art building has become home to more than just artifacts and workshops, leaving some students and faculty frustrated with the space constraints.

The latest take-over resulted from the move of the Da Camara Society from the Doheny campus to Chalon's campus. According to Jackie Doud, the Dean of Students and Vice President of the College, the sisters at Doheny needed the space that was occupied by the Society.

The Da Camara Society is made up of musicians who perform historical music at Doheny and around Los Angeles. Doud said that housing the Society on campus gave the College the opportunity to share and host fine art events with the local community.

But because of the switch to Chalon, the Art department must move its drawing workshop into a smaller room. Last year, the Music department gave up space to the Weekend College Program and the bookstore took over space in the Art building. Earlier, a room in the Art building was overtaken by a print shop.

According to Doud, the available space is still adequate for the art students' needs. She

said that there is enough space for every function, and that none of the studios are crowded.

Doud explained that a space committee routinely reviews the space and needs of the school and that there are always changes.

Norman Schwab, the Chair of the Art department, said he did not want the changes. "With the drawing room taken, it certainly consolidated things," he said. While he is unhappy with the results, Schwab said he also understands that the space was needed for school functions.

Rumors that Schwab was going to quit his job over the space constraints were just rumors Schwab said.

Students circulated a petition to oppose the administration's decision. Schwab, who was not aware of the students' protests in advance, said he appreciated their willingness to make a statement. "It demonstrates that students take a risk to express concern," he said.

Doud and Schwab both said they foresee continuing a strong art program on campus. Doud said, "It will require all of us to work together and not to get bogged down by the fact that we need to share space."

## Health Services' Reputation Hurt By Double Standards & Students' Misunderstanding

By Heidi Hurskainen

The Chalon Health Services clinic has been facing growing criticism from students, calling to question the adequacy and fairness of the center's services.

For a fee of \$230 a year, or \$115 a semester, Chalon students have access to an on-site health clinic, two full-time nurses, a full-time secretary/receptionist, three part-time doctors, one psychologist and two psychological interns. Students do not have to pay a visitation fee but are charged for laboratory tests, x-rays, prescriptions and supplies.

The Chalon Health Services clinic serves Chalon students, University of Judaism students and Doheny campus commuters who choose to use the Chalon services. All Doheny residents must use the University of Southern California (USC) Student Health clinic.

In comparison with the USC Student Health clinic, the ratio of Chalon's number of doctor hours relative to the number of students is similar to that of USC's. The Mount has three doctors who work a total of 16 hours a week serving approximately 800 students. USC has 16 doctors who each work 40 hours a week serving approximately 30,000 students.

Chalon and Doheny students pay the same initial fee for Health Services. However, students utilizing the USC Student Health clinic are offered additional services. According to the USC Student Health Services Handbook, the USC health clinic provides "physical exams, x-rays, physical therapy, and specialty care by (its staff) orthopedists, dermatologists, gynecologists, internists and allergists. Also included are Health Education programs and psychological counseling."

Unlike the Chalon clinic which charges for all lab tests and x-rays, USC only charges a nominal fee for additional copies of x-rays and those lab tests that are sent to outside laboratories. USC students have to pay for prescriptions, orthopedic equipment (e.g., canes, casts, splints, etc.), medical record copies, First Aid and CPR courses.

Debra Gerardi, R.N., J.D., Interim Director of Health Services, said that the frustration students might feel with the Chalon health clinic is the result of a combination of things.

With regards to complaints about scheduling difficulties and long waits to see doctors,

Gerardi said that Mount St. Mary's has a larger student population this year than in the past.

Regarding students' uncertainties about covered services, Gerardi said that students received brochures during Orientation and in their mailboxes. She added that there was also information available in the clinic reception area.

Gerardi said that students must learn to work with the system. She said that if students are confused about policies or procedures then they should ask.

"I encourage students not to assume that what they hear is true. One should get first-hand knowledge. This is probably the most important lesson in life," Gerardi said.

Looking at the number of doctor hours and their availability, Gerardi said the students must take responsibility for making their wellness a priority. She said that people tend to get sick at the same time, explaining why the doctor's schedules are the fullest when they're needed the most. She added that if students need to see a doctor and can not make it to the clinic during the designated hours, or need assistance on a weekend, they can go to the Les Kelley Clinic at the Santa Monica Hospital.

MSMC students are charged a fee for these outside visits. However, the clinic only charges a percentage of its standard \$56 fee. The cost depends on how much a student can afford. MSMC students are also charged reduced rates for other procedures performed at the Santa Monica clinic.

The option to obtain additional health coverage through Mt. St. Mary's insurance policy contributes to some students' confusion of and frustration with their health care services and charges. The insurance, which is a voluntary option for students, has a \$260 a year premium and a \$50 deductible. It covers care that Chalon and USC clinics do not provide. These services include emergency room visits, hospital charges, ambulance fees, crutches, casts, oxygen, medication, and in-patient psychiatric care.

Gerardi noted that the current policy is inadequate, but said that the main concern is to provide affordable insurance. She is searching for a new policy.

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## Doheny Anniversary Highlights Siena Day

By Karen Carbajal

Siena Day took on extra meaning this Spring because it also commemorated Doheny's 30th anniversary.

"I got to see the Doheny mansion. It is well preserved and very pretty. I liked the slide show because I found out about the history of the Doheny campus. It was a fun and friendly day," said 18-year-old sophomore, Patricia Castillo, a Liberal Studies student.

The day started off with a picnic lunch on the lawn. Doheny's Service Sorority, the Deltas, led groups through the historic Doheny estate, which included the beautiful mansion and castle.

Following the tours, participants gathered in the lecture hall to listen to alumnae panelists shared their Mount experiences and reflections. In addition to highlights of their recollections, a slide presentation of pictures of the past up until the present was shown. The panelists would make comments about the slide if they could relate to it. The Public Relations Office organized the slide presentation.

"Until Siena Day, the history of Doheny had been a buried mystery to me. It was a

wonderful experience learning about Doheny's evolution. I feel like I'm finally a part of the Doheny community," said 20-year-old junior, Evie Vasquez, an English and Philosophy major.

Edward Lawrence Doheny was from Wisconsin. He developed wells and made many successful discoveries in Los Angeles. Around 1900 Doheny married Carrie Estelle Betzold. She was employed as a telephone operator and legend has it that Doheny insisted on meeting Betzold when he heard her voice over the wire. She was 25 and he was 41.

Today, Chester Place, where the Doheny's made their home, remains a landmark. Chester Place is one of the many buildings that Mount St. Mary's College proudly preserves and uses for special occasions.

Siena Day was established at Mt. St. Mary's College in honor of St. Catherine of Siena. Catherine dedicated herself to helping her family, the poor, and the sick of Siena, Italy. Despite her short life span (1347-1380) Catherine was canonized by the Catholic Church and is remembered for her devotion to her community.



Siena Day attendees enjoyed picnic lunches while waiting for guided tours of historic Doheny buildings. The Public Relations Dept. helped organize the event, which included a slide show.



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with the hope of finding one with the most coverage available at the cheapest cost.

However, with regards to any policy confusion, Gerardi said that each student who enrolls in the plan is sent the policy and an identification card. She said that the policy is easy to read and understand.

"It is the responsibility of the student to read the policy and know what the insurance does or doesn't cover," Gerardi said, adding that this would help alleviate students' problems or misconceptions in the future.

Even when the Health Services clinic is closed, students can get non-prescription medication from the self-care clinic located on the first floor of Brady Hall.

In the past, students working as Health Advocates were available to help resident students during times when the clinic was closed. These positions were eliminated this year because there was no need for them, according to Gerardi.

Instead, this year the clinic hired a full-time nurse and secretary. These positions were previously filled by the Health Advocates. Gerardi said that it was not reasonable to have students serving as the core professional staff. Also, while Resident Assistants are given free room and board for their services, Health Advocates were only compensated through their work study hours in the clinic. Gerardi said, "I'm not comfortable asking students to give up their weekends and holidays without adequate compensation."

## Push For Women's Studies Minor Gains Support Of Faculty, Students But Administration's View Unclear

By Amanda Ritchie

The issue of a Women's Studies Minor is gaining attention following renewed interest that was generated by Maurice Hamington.

"A Women's Studies Minor will enhance the curriculum at Mount St. Mary's College and provide a focal point for discussing the challenges women face in society. Women's leadership is an essential part of this college's mission," Hamington said.

Several students and faculty have taken a variety of steps to develop the minor for Mount St. Mary's College. Kathleen O'Bryan initiated a student survey to find out if students were interested in a Women's Minor.

At the beginning of March, faculty members Hamington and Michele Dumont held an open meeting in order to get feedback from students.

Students and faculty also discussed future plans on how to get the minor off the ground. Students, Georgina Salazar and Maria Seager, volunteered to inquire about other college's Women's Studies Minors. O'Bryan offered to continue in her efforts to obtain more signatures. The group also set dates for future meetings.

## Teachers In Favor Of Women's Month But Say Issues Need More Attention

By Carmen Esquer

The words "Write Women Back Into History" were inscribed on bright colored balloons and banners to mark the launching of the first grand celebration of National Women's History Month on campus.

The March celebration commemorated women's achievements. Dr. Eggebroten, English professor and prominent feminist on campus said, "It's great to see students who are so interested in the celebration of being women." She added that she was "very excited to see that students took the initiative to celebrate women's month on campus."

Eggebroten considers herself a Biblical feminist. That is, "that God created both men and women in his image and likeness — equally."

With regards to the campus celebration, Eggebroten said that "being a women's college just isn't enough!"

She said that although the women's movement has come a long way, there are still many issues in our society that need to be addressed.

Among the issues she considers important to resolve are safety — referring to a woman's right to be free from rape and sexual harassment; economic equality; political equality; and, equality in religious life.

"Women and children continue to be undervalued in this society," she said, adding that "the world is still a man's world in many ways."

In religious life, Eggebroten said, "God is still male and many large groups like Roman Catholics still exclude women from priesthood."

Through child care, family leave, and access to birth control and the right to choose, Eggebroten said that women can fight against oppression. She noted that "a feminist's work is never done."

Even on Chalon's all-women campus, some of the students involved in planning women's month came across resistance to presenting some feminists' views.

RHA tried to hand out information taken from Riot Grrrl magazines. Some students and the administration objected to this literature and to some of the issues depicted on buttons RHA tried to circulate. They were seen as male-bashing propaganda.

"We understand that as leaders we can not speak on every resident's behalf," said Silvina Gimenez, RHA Treasurer and Chair of the Women's Month Committee.

"We feel we were not being radicals or trying to male-bash, but merely trying to put men on the same level women have been put throughout history."

"The buttons and magazines were means to empower women through encouraging self-expression. We were sharing our views on the labels that society has put upon women by bringing the oppressor to light," Gimenez said.

Mary Spellman, Director of Student Activities, said, "the Riot Grrrl magazines were very directed towards male-bashing."

She added that "organization representatives need to be aware of the statement they are making when putting out information like this."

Spellman said that "this was not an issue of censorship," but that "it was not valid for the magazines to be the only source of information when there is such wonderful information that could have been presented."

"To support one group's right shouldn't be demeaning another organization or group," Spellman added, "to celebrate women shouldn't be hurtful of men."

Dr. Wanda Teays, Philosophy teacher at the Mount who gave a lecture on Feminist Theology during the celebration, said she is "deeply concerned with issues and injustices against women and racism."

As a feminist, she said she believes that the oppression of women and of people of color go hand in hand. "It is not the white women's lot, it is the oppressed people's lot."

Teays added that women "need to become more politically active and empower (themselves)."

In response to the buttons that RHA attempted to sell, Teays said she saw them as harmless and took them as a joke. "Poking fun must go on, we must have a sense of humor," she noted.

However, Teays said, "We need to be careful not to alienate potential allies. We need to be careful and not offend others, particularly

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## China's Open Door Policies Mean Big Business For U.S.

By Mary Ellen Kenny

On March 1, the Business Department hosted the Los Angeles Business-In-China seminars, which focused on building relationships between Southern Chinese food processing corporations and their American counterparts.

With the Chinese government offering incentives on earnings and first-time acquisitions, foreign investment is expanding rapidly in Southern China, according to Danny Barnes, a US Commercial Consul in Southern China.

Barnes was part of the traveling delegation, which was touring the major US cities to discuss the advantages of going into business in Southern China.

"Southern China has the highest disposable income in China. Now, it is five times China's average," Barnes said. He added that industrial development was up 27% in 1991 and 28% in 1992.

The food industry, which is among the fastest growing industries, has benefited from government support and an influx of state-of-the-art technology together with new opportunities for joint ventures.

Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola and Heinz Foods are among the large corporations that have recently taken advantage of these opportunities, said Zhang Kunquan, a Deputy Director of the Food Industry Office.

Roughly 70 individuals, mostly local business people, attended the two-hour seminar. Following the seminar, around 120 people joined together for a reception sponsored by the Business Department.

Mrs. Whitman, Economics professor and event coordinator, said, "The event was open to all interested Mount students, who were encouraged to take the opportunity to network with business, civic and community leaders."

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## Students Meet L.A.'s Movers and Shakers

By Tara Sopwith

Over Spring Break, 15 Mount Students took advantage of the Women's Internship Network program and spent the week gaining hands-on career experience in various public policy fields.

Among them junior Michelle Anderson, a Public Administration major, spent the week with the Los Angeles County Commissioner of the Fire and Police Pension Board. Karyn Lange, who is a junior majoring in Health Science, spent her week at WISE, an adult day-care center in Santa Monica. Business/Accounting major, senior Sharon Flummerfelt, met many of the big names in the business community while interning at the International Associate Services Office.

In general, most students said they did not mind giving up their Spring Break to participate in the program. Anderson, met many powerful people in city and state government, including Senator Diane Watson and various assembly women during her week experience. She said she "learned the importance of getting to know the people in power." She also said that she gained insights into "how individuals can make a difference even at the grass-roots level by networking their way up to the person in power."

Anderson said her mentor showed her more than just business and included other activities like visits to art museums and downtown tours.

This is the fourth year that the Mount has been the sole participant in the WIN program, which is sponsored and organized by the Junior League of Los Angeles. The program's goal is to pair students interested in public policy with career women.

## Feminists Speak Out Against Women Injustices And Abuses

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at a woman's college. We don't want to be seen as a fringe group. As a college, we don't want to appear as a politically radical group."

Dr. Michelle Dumont, who sides with the women of color feminist theory, said that society uses class, race and ethnicity to discriminate people.

"A way in which society dis-empowers us is through fear, lack of knowledge and by not letting us take control of our own lives," Dumont said.

She suggested that students need to break their own boundaries on campus. "I think it is important that as a woman's college we look at each other's race and ethnicity. It is important to look at our background differences and look at differences in sexual preferences as well."

Dumont also said that "issues on women's safety, date rape and sexuality need to be looked at more closely on campus."

Despite the minor disagreement between administration and students, Spellman said that "good things came out of Women's month." Noting that "it was a great start," Spellman also said that she was willing to extend her "full support to furthering activities like these on campus."

## Musical Nun Pursues Never Ending Quest

By Patricia Ibanez

Mount St. Mary's piano instructor, Sister Nancy Fierro, recently released her first compact disk and cassette tape called Rags & Riches.

The recording was just one of many activities on Sr. Fierro's busy music schedule. In March, she gave a concert at the University of Southern California. In May, she will lecture about Grazyna Bacewicz, a famous composer of the 12th century, at a methodist church in Santa Monica.

However, Sr. Fierro said that she has not yet reached her final goal. "After one goal, there is always another," she said. Adding, "What I enjoy is the process, the expanding and continuation of one goal after the other."

Sr. Fierro's accomplishments have come after many years of hard work. She began playing the piano when she was six-years-old, following in the footsteps of her older brother. Sr. Fierro came from a musical family. Her father and grandmother both played piano by ear and two of her aunts were singers in a famous hotel in Mexico. Sr. Fierro said that she was always encouraged by her parents to pursue her musical talents.

Age 12 marked a turning point in Sr. Fierro's life when she decided to pursue a career in music. Among the factors contributing to her decision was a realization that there were few women in the field. Sr. Fierro said that there were only pieces composed by male musicians in her music books.

At that time, Sr. Fierro said that she wondered if there would be room for her in a music book someday.

Sr. Fierro went on to earn her doctorate in Music Art at USC. She wrote her thesis on women composers and traveled in Western and Eastern Europe to conduct her investigation. Today, Sr. Fierro can cite thousands of women composers.

When not performing, Sr. Fierro devotes herself to her duties as a nun and teacher. "There are times when it is difficult," she said. "But what is more difficult is that people sometimes are biased and do not believe you can do well in two things," she added.

One of Sr. Fierro's future goals is to have her own radio or TV show.

Her message for students interested in music is that it is never too late to start. "Music is meant for everyone, there is always a door open for music at any time whether you are a



Sister Nancy Fierro balances teaching at the Mount with a busy performance schedule.

## Preparing For Careers, Finances & Life After Graduation

### Alumnae Return To Offer Advice To Seniors

By Amanda Ritchie & Jodi Sisson

The Career Planning Center and Alumnae Relations put together a dinner series to provide students with the opportunity to learn from and network with MSMC graduates who have built successful careers in various fields.

The Business major evening featured Daniella Ruiz, an assistant manager of Crown USA; Diana Gleason, a sales assistant for the New Yorker magazine; Patricia Dominguez-Ellis, a financial analyst for Hughes Aircraft; and Arlene Rodriguez, an auditor for Ernst & Young.

The panelists encouraged students to take advantage of the Career Planning Center, to keep in contact with faculty because they are sources of support, and to be flexible and willing to learn.

Ruiz stressed the importance of making contacts and taking every interview that comes along. She said, "Aim high and remember that you have credentials from a fine institution." She added that "in business you don't get what you deserve but what you negotiate."

Gleason said that it was important for students to let everyone know that

they were willing, ready and interested in work. However, she cautioned against taking the first job that came along. "Don't settle just for anything. Set your goal and do all you can to accomplish it," Gleason said.

At the Liberal Arts dinner, Mount students had a chance to network with former MSMC Liberal Arts majors and discover the secrets of their success. Five alumnae shared how they landed their current jobs and how MSMC helped them get there.

Jenny Sauer Luera, a 1980 graduate who was a French and History major, now works for the City of Los Angeles. She advised current students to be able to write well, express themselves well, and be able to think on their feet. She said that these qualities are crucial for being successful in the workplace.

Former English major, Rachel Martinez, graduated in 1990 and now works as a promotions coordinator for KABC. Martinez stressed how valuable skills can be learned in every activity.

"Don't discount anything you've ever done. Everything is important," Martinez said.

Now in her second year of law school, Chris Cummings was a 1989

Political Science graduate. For those students bound for law school, Cummings emphasized the importance of having an outside support group. She warned that most schools do not have the camaraderie of MSMC.

Gayne Pinto Kalustian, a former Biology major who graduated in 1987, stressed the necessity to keep priorities straight. "Figure out what's important to you and don't listen to anyone else," she said.

For Kalustian, family was more important than her career and she found happiness in doing what was right for her. Her advice to ambitious Mount students was that "you can have it all, but you can't have it at the same time."

Math major Michele Benson graduated in 1989 and is now a high school math teacher. As with full-time student schedules, Benson said that to manage a career it is necessary to create a balance between work and personal time. She attributed her ability to organize her time efficiently to her Mount experience.

### Senior Series Focuses On Job Search & More

By Karen Carbajal

The Leadership Center and Student Development joined forces to create for the first time a survival series for graduating seniors.

"The idea has been up for a while, and finally we got things together to help seniors with the next step -- the transition from college to a career or graduate school," said Dr. Jane Lingua, Dean of Student Development. By attending the five week Senior Series, Dr. Lingua said she hoped seniors would be able to grasp the skills they need for the work environment or for furthering their studies.

At the first meeting Claudia Mallchok, Career Counselor, led a

discussion on resume writing. She also covered issues dealing with life after college. Among the four seniors who attended, Paolina Schiro, a 21-year-old Liberal Studies major, said, "I think the Senior Series is a great way of getting seniors together to talk about issues dealing with post-graduation plans."

"The first session gave me the opportunity to get to know my other classmates as well as providing me with pertinent information that will be helpful to me in my career choice."

Tina Lomas, a 23-year-old Liberal Studies major, said, "The Senior Series is definitely a program Mount St. Mary's college needs to continue. I wish all seniors could have had the

opportunity to attend because they could have benefited." Lomas particularly appreciated the series on money matters "because we discussed issues that were relevant to our future such as real estate, checking accounts, mortgages, retirement, etc."

Topics for the other lectures included marriage versus career decisions, networking with MSMC alumnae, and friendships and good-byes. While these seminars were intended to help students before they graduate, alumnae are always encouraged to come back and use the resources in the Career Center.

The last in the series will be held in the Casa on April 29 from 6-7:30 p.m.

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## Speaking Out: Mount Students Respond To Racism Question:

"Do you think racism is still a problem in our society in general and on our campus?"

• ORALIA TENORIO  
JUNIOR EDUCATION MAJOR



We say we have (reached racial equality), but the truth is that for some reason, latinas stick with latinas, blacks with blacks and whites with whites!

Interviews compiled by  
Carmen Esquer

• ELIZABETH MENDEZ  
(R.A.), JUNIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

Racial equality has not been achieved because racism is incorporated within the system. Most racism is low key, especially if certain people don't experience it, it's hard to believe it's there. You have to be very assimilated to survive in 'the system' which is against 'minorities.' The one who chooses not to assimilate loses opportunities because of prejudice and discrimination.

It is a crude reality to accept, but the system works to promote anglos. Anytime people talk about racism, there is tension and frustration. There is a lot of racism in this country. Being a latina and a woman, it affects me greatly.

• SONIA SMITH  
SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR



Unfortunately, I think the American people have a long way to go. People say everything has changed since the '60s. And, yes, that's true. But I feel there can still be more changes. I think what happened this summer regarding Rodney King was a disgrace to the world. Americans should be ashamed.

• JOSIE SALAZAR  
& SHARIN GILLESPIE



There will always be problems, but at MSMC we see them less than at other places.

At MSMC, as we search for our own identity, we blend in and try to appreciate each others cultures. We receive a lot of school support. Especially because this is a women's college, we learn to be assertive in our culture and within our sex.

## Justice Triumphs In More Ways Than One In A Soldier's Story

By Mary Ellen Kenny

As part of February's Black History Month program, RHA presented *A Soldier's Story* on Thursday, February 4. It was one of three films the organization showed each Thursday night during the month. The other features were *A Long Walk Home* and *The Watermelon Man*.

Through the experience of one black attorney, *A Soldier's Story* attempted to show how one man overcame racial prejudices by insisting on searching for the truth.

The movie used the setting of Tynin, Louisiana in 1944, during World War II. Captain Davenport, a lawyer from Howard University, was sent from Washington D.C. to

investigate the murder of a black Sergeant who was in charge of the Army's all black baseball team. The plot took a few unexpected turns as Davenport uncovered each additional piece of information.

The Southern military were not accustomed to seeing black men in authority positions. At first, their racism hindered Davenport's investigation. But, in the end, he won the respect of the officers through his relentless pursuit of the truth.

The movie mixed drama, comedy and history in an engaging manner. It is available in the Library's Media Center along with other movies shown during the month.

## "New" Grading System Re-evaluated Passing Grade Consistency Sought

By Jodi Sisson

With Assistance from Carmen Esquer

Roughly a year and a half after its implementation, the plus/minus grading system is once again a focus of attention for the Academic Policy Board.

At a recent meeting on April 5, the main issue seemed to be whether or not a grade of C- should be considered a passing grade. The question of whether or not the "new" grading system should be continued was not hotly debated.

According to Sister Teresita Espinosa, a member of the Academic Policy Board, most faculty agreed that the plus/minus system was a good policy because it more accurately reflected students' accomplishments.

No decisions were made at the meeting and the discussion is expected to continue at the faculty meeting scheduled for April 22.

The Board welcomed students' views, but the student representatives from both campuses failed to attend the meeting. Evie Vasquez, from Chalon said she did not receive a reminder in her mailbox. However, the administration said that reminders were sent out to everyone and noted that meeting schedules are set well-enough in advance so that people can plan for them.

Faculty and administrators decided to look at how the system worked for students and teachers. First implemented in Fall 1991, the grading system was a "pilot program," according to Dr. Jackie Doud, Academic Vice President. The policy was expected to be reevaluated once in use.

Dr. Doud said that the discussions were not intended to be "action" meetings where the faculty would decide to make or break the grading system. It was designed more as a

forum for the administration and faculty to find out how the system has been working.

"There are some kinks that need to be worked out," Dr. Doud said.

Teachers were expected to come prepared to present their problems with, or praise for the system.

Past problems have included an unequal distribution of pluses and minuses on the scale. A student can get an A-, but not an A+.

Leading the current list of problems is the indecision about whether a C-, worth 1.7 GPA points, qualifies as a passing grade for credit towards a degree. Right now, some departments accept the C- and others do not.

Dr. Doud said she hopes to eliminate ambiguity in the system. "My greatest hope is clarification for all ... That's the greatest basis for equity."

Kieran Vaughan, Chair of the Education Department at the Doheny campus, avidly opposes the grading system. "I don't support pluses and minuses," she said, noting that "they place additional focus on grades, and it becomes counterproductive."

Vaughan said a single grade sufficiently measures a student's progress. Pluses and minus are too specific and place too much emphasis on grades instead of on quantitative learning.

Dr. Jim Delahanty, Professor of Political Science, acknowledged that there were indeed kinks in the grading system. He said that one of the main problems was misunderstanding on the part of the faculty in terms of the universal usage of the grading system. Some teachers thought it was acceptable not to use the system.

The grading system was adopted without sufficient clarification and the duty of the Academic Committee now is to work out the problems, Delahanty said.

## European Tour Brings History & Culture To Life

By Heidi Hurskainen

We finally made it! After a grueling, 23-hours of plane, train and automobile rides we arrived at Pensione Eureka at 2:30 p.m. Rome time. (5:30 a.m. California time.)

These were my first thoughts upon arriving in Rome on my trip with the "Arts in Europe" class during Christmas break. Led by Sister Teresita Espinosa, ten women, including myself, uncovered the mystiques that Western Europe held for us on a two-week excursion, from January 1-14. We toured Rome, Florence, Paris and London.

My first impression of Rome was...*freddo!* Now, I understand the concept of "wind chill factor". I soon learned the value of quality gloves and scarves as my needs for style and savvy were soon overcome by my needs for warmth and utility!

We visited Vatican City, home of Pope John Paul II. We toured the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church-building in the world. After attending mass at St. Peter's, we went outside and received a "personal" blessing from the Pope along with approximately 300 other people. As we weaved our path through the masses, I couldn't help but be amazed at how so many different people were united by the Catholic faith.

Florence was a beautiful city and the people were friendly. It was clean, small, and had no smog. That's something a Southern Californian can certainly appreciate! I definitely would love to visit again some day.

The most frustrating thing for me about such a wonderful city was that I didn't speak the language. I picked up that *prego* meant "you're welcome," instead of "spaghetti sauce," but I continued to play the part of the mute quite well. My remedial Spanish skills

helped some, but my Charades skills helped enormously.

In Paris, we walked to the Eiffel Tower, a mere three and a half miles away from our hotel. The view from the middle level was awesome! It was so amazing to think that this was built in 1889.

My overall impression of Paris was not as favorable as I thought it would be. Maybe it was because I didn't have a *monsieur* to share my experience in this romantic city. However, I did not find Parisians to be rude as I was forewarned they would be. Americans, I feel, simply expect the same friendly service abroad that we receive in the States. Instead, I found it more a matter of understanding the people, their actions, and the differences in their culture.

In London we attended a production of "Les Miserables". We sat in the front-row center of the top balcony and in the center of an aisle that only had six seats. I had a "jolly good" view of the stage once I adjusted my neck in order to see under, over, and around the railings.

Although the stage production left something to be desired, I thoroughly enjoyed myself in this historical mecca. From Queen Elizabeth and Buckingham Palace to Big Ben and the Tower of London, I learned about a culture that had a significant impact in the formation of our government and institutions.

Throughout the trip, our group always managed to move out the doorways and into the streets, although group decision-making was difficult at times. By the end of our short tour, I felt we had walked our way through historical monuments of the past gaining a better understanding of our present lives and hopefully an appreciation for what is to come.



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## Gourmet Flavors Without The Cost

By Tara Sopwith

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On my first visit, I was shocked to find myself surrounded by displays of various types of fungi that I never knew existed. However, the meatless dishes - all made from vegetables, gluten, tofu or fungi mushrooms and nuts - fooled my friends' meat-loving taste buds.

The Sweet and Sour Pork (\$8.25) was delicious and an artful twist to the real thing. I don't even like pork, but I became addicted to the sweet taste of this dish, which was made from tofu skin. Like the pork, the Lemon Duck (\$8.95) had the same texture and flavor as the actual meat.

I don't know how they do it, but it is nice to eat healthy and not have the taste suffer for it.

Various kinds of exotic fungi with vegetables and noodles in the Pan Fried Shredded Noodles with Mixed Vegi (\$8.95), were so delicate and tasty that I was not surprised to read one restaurant reviewer's comment that the Fragrant Vegetable serves "one of the sexiest foods in the world."

These three dishes accompanied with rice (\$5.50 per person), and a complementary pot of Chinese Orange Spice tea, were reasonably priced for the portions received. There was enough to leave a group of three or four starving college students with leftovers. The lunch specials are also bargains. They include a main course, salad, soup, Won Ton and rice from \$4.95 for the Kung Pao Chicken to \$6.95 for the Sweet and Sour Pork. Be wary of the appetizers, which are more expensive (\$4.95 for four egg rolls).

I found the waiters, waitresses and restaurant guests were all eager to help novices or skeptics select the perfect meal. And, I fell in love with the statues of Buddha, windows etched with beautiful crystalline flowers and the soft music in this restaurant's modest, yet classy setting.

I left the Fragrant Vegetable feeling satisfied, elegant, healthy, stuffed and a little depressed. After all, that meant that when the leftovers were gone, it was back to the cafeteria food.

The Fragrant Vegetable is located at 11859 Wilshire Blvd. in West Los Angeles, just before Thrifty. For reservations call (310) 312-1442.

## Student Survey Shows Mount Favorites

*Want to know where your classmates got those cute shoes, or where they found entertainment off the hill, or what their most embarrassing moments were?*

Below are the most popular answers to these and other questions that were included in the New View student survey that was circulated in mailboxes before the Spring Break.

Responses are based on the returned surveys. When there was not a definite response leader, up to five answers have been printed for your information.

### On Campus:

The favorite cafeteria desert was macadamia nut white chocolate cookies.

The best place to catch the view was on the second floor balcony of Brady.

The favorite library room was Spearman...

But when looking for a quiet place to study, students preferred dorm rooms, the library or in the stacks.

Brady first floor received the most votes for being the liveliest residence lounge.

Students voted Judi Hemingway their favorite Residential Advisor, while Humberto was voted the nicest maintenance worker.

And, Carla Salii was voted the most eccentric person on campus.

### In Class:

Dr. Geranius was deemed the best dressed teacher.

Maurice Hamington received the distinction of being the funniest person.

Students' favorite classroom questions included:

"Will I be on the test?"

"Dr. Snow, you got anymore great jokes?"

"Is this assignment really necessary?"

"Can we go now?"

And, in response to one instructors discussion of literature and genre, a student asked,

"What is a gene ray?"

### Off the Hill:

The cheapest movies could be seen at AMC's Twilight showing.

McDonald's served the cheapest meal.

Flair was considered the best neighborhood dry cleaner.

Elegant Nails on Wilshire and 6th was voted the best place to get your nails done.

Venice Beach was the favored spot for people watching.

The best beaches were Venice and Malibu.

Students' favorite clothing store was The Gap.

The best place to buy shoes was Sascha of London.

Westside Pavilion was voted the favorite mall.

The best take out food came from Wok Fast, Thai Dishes and Chin Chin.

For free and fun entertainment, the 3rd Street promenade in Santa Monica received high marks.

For roller blading, Venice was the place to be.

The favorite restaurant was The Cheesecake Factory ... and a new one is opening up in Brentwood!

Bookstar and Waldenbooks were considered the best book stores.

Staples was the place to shop for office supplies.

Students said Starbucks made the best cup of Joe.

### Among the miscellaneous categories:

Napping was deemed the best way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Some embarrassing moments included:

"Breaking my foot on one of MSMC's stairs because (my foot) fell asleep."

"Waking up at 8 a.m. in the library."

"Walking into a class in-session, thinking it was my class and then realizing that mine was to start an hour later."

"Walking into someone's room thinking it was mine."

The best answers to questions not asked included:

"No, I'm not going to become a nun."

"Popcorn."

"Yes I'm happy here."

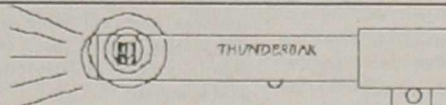
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## Biology Students Exchange Research With Scientists At Meeting in Washington D.C.

By Jennafer Dorfman

Amidst the hustle of capital tours, scientific discussion groups, and interviews with prominent researchers Mount students Amy Foreman and Rachel Mino were introduced to the National Institute of Health (NIH).

On February 5, Foreman and Mino traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Introduction to Biomedical Research Program, a division of NIH.

There they spent two days interviewing with NIAID researchers who explained the research they do for the government and what it is like to work at NIH. According to Foreman the researchers were content in their surroundings and excited about their research despite the lower level of pay government researchers receive in contrast to those working in the private sector.

After the interviews Foreman and Mino spent their time in small seminar groups discussing with researchers specific immune problems and specific research being done in those areas. Topics included AIDS, hepatitis, and allergies. Both Mino and Foreman found the discussions to be up-to-date, relevant to their interests and highly interactive.

The interviews, which were conducted to give students an understanding of what it is like to work at NIH, have often led to paid summer internships.

As the result of one interview, Mino was offered an internship from the National Cancer Institute. She will work under Dr. Thiel in pediatric oncology and thereby get a head start in her special area of interest. Mino believes participation in the summer internship program will help her when she needs research funding for post-doctorate work.

The NIAID Introduction to Biomedical Research Program was originally designed to correct minority under-representation in biomedical science. The program is open to juniors, seniors and graduate students on the basis of GPA, personal scientific achievement and recognition from the chairperson of their department.

At the Mount, Foreman and Mino are paid by MARC Grants (Minority Access to Research Careers) to do research.

Foreman is currently studying the metabolic products of clinical strains of yeast under the auspices of Dr. Zeuthen. They chose this area to research because this aspect of yeast infection has never been looked at before.

Mino investigates certain aspects of hypertension and water-salt balance in the blood. Her mentor in the program is Sr. Annette Bower.

The conference was Foreman and Mino's second trip to D.C. Last November, they participated in the first Women in Science Seminar sponsored by the Women's College Consortium.

For the NIAD program, 55 students are chosen to travel to the Bethesda Maryland National Institute of Health Laboratories to get a basic overview of their operations.

Since the program's inception in 1978 two other Mount students have been accepted into the program. Sr. Bower was asked to identify two students who met the program's criteria. She identified Foreman and Mino as suitable candidates since both have the requisite 3.0 GPA, science ability, and have been involved in research.

Foreman and Mino stayed at the 4-H National Convention Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland in a section with other participating students. They met many people who share their interests and made friendships they said they hope will last.

## Visiting Writer Yamada Stresses Self-Awareness

By Pamela Freeman

"I am committed to encouraging, supporting and promoting the writing and the arts of ethnic women and all persons who consider themselves to be among the 'out-groups' in our society," said Mitsuye Yamada about sharing her views and experiences.

Yamada, who came to speak at Mount St. Mary's College last month, was born in Kyushu, Japan and spent most of her younger years in Seattle, Washington. When World War II broke out, her family was uprooted and relocated to a concentration camp in Idaho.

The need to speak out and fight for the rights of minorities developed from this internment experience. Minorities must speak out because "silence will not protect them," Yamada said.

She earned her BA in English and Art at New York University and her MA in English Literature at University of Chicago. She continued at the Graduate School of Linguistics at Columbia University in New York City.

Yamada has taught from a multi-cultural perspective for the past 24 years at many of

Southern California's colleges and universities.

Among her long list of accomplishments, she has written two books - one entitled *Desert Run* and the other *Camp Notes* - that contain her poems and short stories.

Yamada founded a group in 1980 called Multi Cultural Women Writers because she felt that "minority women needed each other to nurture their writings." Yamada also served on the National Board of Directors for Amnesty International USA from 1987 to 1991.

An Asian-American writer, educator and human rights activist, Yamada came to Mount St. Mary's College during Asian American week on February 10th and 11th. She led discussions on literature, history, issues of Asian Americans, women as writers, and problems of women in U. S. culture.

The poems she read were connected to her life experiences. Yamada hoped that listening to her would help others make a connection with their own experiences and look at their own lives.

Yamada said that she learned from her mother, who never lost her Japanese heritage,



that "You can be a legitimate American without denying your culture." The secret is to not discard your culture but to integrate it, Yamada said.

One of her hopes is for institutions to fully respond to the needs of the powerless in society. "We all have a responsibility to intervene on behalf of a person who is helpless." On the positive side, Yamada was very excited that minorities were beginning to share their experiences giving others a better understanding of themselves.

Yamada said racism, sexism, as well as other types of irrational prejudices must be faced. "I believe that I can contribute toward making our society a truly multi-cultural one by speaking forthrightly about my own experiences."

## Substance Abuse Awareness Emphasized By Mock Deaths



Students Against Drunk Driving organized a demonstration showing the frequency of alcohol related deaths. By the end of the day, the Chalon Circle lawn was covered with tombstones.

By Jennafer Dorfman

Activities ranging from a crashed car exhibit to a reggae band performance highlighted MSJC Substance Abuse Awareness Week. The activities on February 16-18 were arranged by the Substance Abuse Awareness Committee.

Committee member Wendy Nobles, senior Geriatric major, hoped the week helped students "become more aware of the difficulties substance (abuse) can bring to life, especially in the college setting where it's most accepted."

The week's activities began on Tuesday with "Dedicated to the Ones You/I Love" Day. Events focused on understanding the people around us who have substance abuse problems. Patricia Teets, Marriage, Family and Child Counselor spoke on co-dependency and the effects of substance abuse in relationships.

On Wednesday, the committee decided to repeat last year's successful Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) simulation. Students, administration and staff volunteered to "die" every twenty-two minutes providing a "live" demonstration of the statistics on alcohol related accidents. "Dying" consisted of wearing a black armband and placing a tombstone in the Chalon circle.

By the end of the day the lawn was covered with gray tombstones, creating a somber reminder that drinking and driving kills.

Adding to the tombstones' visual impact was a crashed car exhibit accompanied by a CHP officer.

Wednesday's program also included an alcohol and self-esteem workshop.

The week wrapped with Thursday's "Natural High Day" featuring noon entertainment with the Reggae band "Jumbalya". Since it was pouring rain outside the band performed in the Campus Center instead of the Chalon circle as scheduled. All attendees received a boxed lunch and "mocktails." The Sierra Club was scheduled to lead a nature hike at sunset, but the event was canceled because of the weather.

Throughout the week there was an information table in the Little Theater foyer. The table contained pamphlets on everything from identifying drinking problems to the complicity of drinking, sex and AIDS. In addition to informing students about substance abuse the committee hoped the table would also help students become aware of the organization on campus.

This year's committee leaders hope to promote more extensive education and awareness in the future beyond the traditional week. And, they are looking for new members to help plan and organize more events.

The SAA committee started in the Fall of 1990 under the guidance of former director of student activities Mia Lathrop. In the beginning it's membership was limited to Resident Assistants, Health Advocates and Campus Ministry. Today the organization is comprised of all who volunteer and is run by Mary Spellman the director of student activities.

## ASB Sets '92/'93 Agenda

By Amanda Ritchie

Last month, the Associated Student Body (ASB) attended a retreat to discuss and evaluate Fall semester 1992 and to begin planning for 1993.

Among the many topics discussed at the retreat, on January 23, 1993, were the different ASB positions and their job descriptions. Working systems and forms were examined and officers brainstormed ideas to help them do their jobs more effectively.

A variety of activities were put on the calendar for Spring semester. However, ASB elections took top priority. A committee was formed of current officers not returning to their ASB positions next year.

In addition, ASB officers engaged in social activities to relax and get to know one another better. There was a priest that attended the retreat who discussed motivation and self-esteem.

Immediately following the retreat, all members went to Evie Vasquez's house, where her mother prepared a Mexican dinner. A mariachi trio made the evening festive for all.

Fifteen of the 25 members attended the retreat, held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Monterey Park. Usually the ASB retreats are three-day events; however, this year it was an informal one day activity.

"It was a good time for us to get to know each other better, while evaluating and planning for the Spring semester," said Heidi Hurskainen, ASB President.

Mary Spellman, ASB Advisor, said that it was "a worthwhile retreat and it seemed to be very energizing for everyone."

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## Spring Public Policy Internships Offer Opportunities For Training And Jobs

By Tara Sopwith

Over Spring break, 16 Mount students took advantage of the Women's Internship Network program and spent the week gaining hands-on career experience in various public policy fields.

Among them, junior Michelle Anderson, a Public Administration major, spent the week with the L.S. County Commissioner of the Fire and Police Pension Board. Karyn Lange, a junior majoring in health Science and minoring in Gerontology, spent her week at WISE, an adult day-care center in Santa Monica. A senior Business/Accounting major, Sharon Flummerfelt, met many prominent people in the business world while interning at the International Associate Services Offices.

In general, most students said they did not mind giving up their Spring Break to participate in the program. Anderson, met many powerful people in city and state government, including senator Diane Watson and various assembly women during her week experience. She said she "learned the importance of getting to know the people in power." She also said that she gained insights into "how individuals can make a difference even at the grass-roots level by networking their way up to the person in power."

Anderson said her mentor showed her more than just business and included other activities like visits to art museums and downtown tours.

Some students were offered internships or job opportunities following the week program. Among them, senior Dana Chotiner, who is double majoring in Sociology and American Studies, was offered a position in Councilwoman Joy Picus' district office in Reseda.

Chotiner said that before her internship she "never really knew what a council person did." She added that the experience made her realize "that the average everyday person can become involved."

This is the fourth year that the Mount has been the sole participant in the WIN program, which is sponsored and organized by the Junior League of Los Angeles. The program's goal is to pair students interested in public policy with career women.

The program encountered some difficulties in placing students in their policy areas of interest. Sara Herbert, the new WIN coordinator said that "despite this, even those who were not satisfied with their placement were able to narrow their interests and learn what did not interest them."

In the past, the program also had difficulty finding housing and transportation for students without cars. However, this year carpools were arranged and residents were allowed to stay for free on campus.

Herbert noted that this year's program "was a learning experience for everyone who participated."

## Media Panel Questions Clinton's Promises

By Jodi Sisson

In a media forum held at the Mount in February, three journalists raised some doubts about President Bill Clinton's ability to fulfill his campaign promises.

Andy Murr, from the West Coast Bureau at Newsweek, said "Clinton made many promises...and he can't keep them all."

During his campaign, Clinton promised to cut the deficit. But, he also promised not to raise taxes. Murr, senior writer Rick Meyer from the Los Angeles Times, and political writer Cathy Decker also from the Los Angeles Times, agreed that it remains one of Clinton's most difficult challenges to stimulate the economy while managing the deficit.

Clinton has proposed to spend \$31 billion to stimulate the economy by opening new jobs, encouraging investment with capital growth, and buying new machinery for industrial growth. This \$31 billion will come from taxpayers' money and from money that has been taken away from other programs, such as defense spending.

At the same time, Clinton has also promised to reduce the deficit. Murr said that following through on both promises will be a challenge. "It's a zero sum game," Murr said.

Other promises in the campaign have been forgotten already, the journalists said. Cathy Decker termed Clinton's foreign policy "the black hole of the campaign." Policies to handle foreign affairs were presented during the campaign, but the Clinton Administration has not followed through on them, she said.

Decker noted that Clinton reversed his campaign promises to welcome Haitian immigrants into the United States and support civil unrest in Bosnia.

Decker said that Clinton faces a new awareness of these ideas as President. She



Left to right, panelists Andy Murr, Cathy Decker, Rick Meyer and Father George O'Brien.

noted that Clinton's not just a candidate anymore, meaning that he has to come up with real solutions to the problems. For example, Clinton has had to take a stand against Saddam Hussein, despite reversals in other policy statements, Decker said.

Putting foreign and domestic policies through may be difficult for Clinton, Decker said, since the Democrats are "mud wrestling for power" in the White House. The other journalists agreed that Clinton, with his atypical Democratic actions, such as favoring multiple interest groups, may be seen as a threat to the predominantly Democratic Congress. He's dealing with the struggle with what Murr called a "set bureaucracy."

Decker said Clinton "keeps the underdogs weak so the leader can stay strong."

One way Clinton stays strong, Murr said, is by keeping on top of facts and issues. The President cited statistics that help his image of being knowledgeable about the intricacies of policies, Murr said. He added that although Clinton's awareness does support his heavy-handed style of bureaucracy, the intricacy of his policies can "bore you to sleep."

Clinton's style does not change backstage, Decker said. "He's more guarded than Bush was in so-called relaxed settings," especially with the press.

"Clinton had a very contentious relationship with the press" on the campaign trail Decker said. She recalled that Clinton remained on constant guard, not answering some questions and avoiding certain reporters.

Decker expects Clinton to continue his guarded interaction with the press. "He's gonna do what's good for him and what's good for his administration, and openness be damned."

An added facet to the President's style is Hillary Clinton, the journalists said. At issue is the traditional role of the First Lady. The journalists noted that none of the previous First Ladies have been educated career women. Murr said that people have a hard time fitting Hillary into that position.

He added that Hillary also seems to not be sure of her position. He said that she is not sure whether she should be baking cookies or making policies.

Decker said "she's trying to be First Lady and a serious political element as well."

However, Decker does not see the issue of Hillary in the White House as one of great importance. This issue has come up, Decker said, because "there's a vacuum of anything else to talk about."

Clinton has not had enough time to fulfill many of his promises, but the journalists warned those in attendance not to hold their breaths. Decker, and Meyer said the "vacuum" should be filled soon with conversation about policy choices and proposals, but just how many promises these proposals will fulfill has yet to be seen.

## Black History Commemorated

By Tara Sopwith

This February marked the third year the Chalon campus celebrated Black History Month. A step-show from a local African-American fraternity, a performance by singer/entertainer Emyna, and several weekly movies highlighted the month's schedule.

RHA president, Carla Sali, said she hoped that the activities would help make Mount students more aware of what she referred to as "another side of American history." She added that she wanted "students to realize that American history, as it has been taught, is biased. Black History is American History... it is not just for Blacks."

Some students felt that the Mount's acknowledgement of Black History Month, which has been celebrated in the United States since 1976, fell short of an authentic celebration of the African-American culture.

Tina Esack, a resident assistant on campus, said that she did not feel that all the groups in charge of student activities were doing as much as they should for the month. Esack, who tried to involve her floor, said that "there is only a limited amount that one person can do," and called for "more of a commitment from students, as well as, the administration."

Senior Sandra Deas said, "this school is quick to talk about multi-culturalism but when Black History Month comes around it is silent."

Deas said her frustration stemmed from her view that RHA was "the only campus organization that had talked about doing something for Black History Month."

ASB faculty advisor, Mary Spellman, said that there were some minor communication problems in the beginning between RHA and ASB in planning the month's activities. This may have lead students to the frustrating conclusion that ASB was not doing anything for the month.

However, ASB sponsored a performance by Emyna that portrayed the history of Blacks in music. And, Spellman said that all the events for Black Awareness week on campus were financed by ASB.

Although some students expressed anger at the fact that the main activities for Black History Month were all placed into one week because Asian-American Week and Alcohol Awareness week took place in February as well, Spellman noted that efforts had been made to include the theme of Black History throughout the month's activities. The Reggae band "Jumbalya" that played a noon concert during Alcohol Awareness week was also chosen in light of Black History Month.

Spellman challenged students disappointed in ASB's and RHA's treatment of the month to "talk to ASB and RHA about planning the events." She said the organizations "can only do their best with the input they are given."

## Dorm Renovations To Be Completed By September

By Jennafer Dorfman

Quick action on the part of students, administrators and staff means that planned dormitory renovations should be finished by September 1993.

Last year Paolina Schiro, head of the Residence Halls Improvement Committee, presented Dr. Lingua, Dean of Students, with a wish list for dorm renovations. This list was a compilation of improvements residents from each dorm floor had requested.

Dr. Lingua took the list to the budget committee during the summer. The plan of action for substantial improvements was therefore built into the budget.

Dr. Lingua said a lot of the smaller improvements have already been completed. The next priorities are to refurbish lounges on the second floor of Brady, the second through fifth floors of Carondelet and the fifth floor of Rossiter. Brady's first and second floor bathrooms are also scheduled to be upgraded this summer along with carpeting on the first through third and fifth floors in Carondelet.

According to the director of resident life, Alex Sosa, the main renovations are focused on the lounges because group space for students is so limited and valuable.

Dr. Lingua said the improvements are the direct result of students sharing their needs

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Former U.S.A. National Team Player, Nicki Jessup, took over helm of Athenian Volleyball.



Mount graduate Edith Arguelles took over the coaching job for the Track Team.



Athlete-scholar Suzanne Sherman transferred from Rio Hondo Community College

## New And Returning Players Contribute To Athletic Department's Strong Performance

By Becky Schwartz

Mount St. Mary's sports teams and athletes set records this year as some new coaches, incoming freshmen, and transfer students provided additional support for returning players.

This year also marked the start of the hotly debated athletic scholarships. These were implemented in an attempt to make the Athenians a more formidable force in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and bring more scholar-athletes to the Mount.

Athenian Volleyball was led by new head coach Nicki Jessup, a former USA National Team player and Grass Court Champion. The team lost last year's Most Valuable Player, Lori Funk, to a fellow NAIA school. But, it gained the experience of athlete-scholar Suzanne Sherman, a transfer from Rio Hondo Community College. Two seniors, Kirsten Schleining and Becki Schwartz, also returned.

The team had its best record to date at 14 wins and 15 losses, putting them in eighth place out of thirteen teams in the NAIA District Three. Athletic Director, Kari Wolfe, attributed this advancement to the building of a strong base with returning players and increasing the level of talent with stronger recruiting efforts, including the addition of the athletic scholarships.

The Cross Country Team was under a new leadership as well. MSMC graduate Edith Arguelles took over the helm leading returnees Espie Lopez, Betty Orozco and Colleen Moran. Three freshmen - athlete scholar

Cheryl Ramirez, president-scholar Chrissy Guadagnini and Leanne DeFraga - joined the team.

Lopez was one of the team's strongest contenders, placing 17th out of 52 in the NAIA District championship. But the track season highlight came at the Eagle 5000 at Christ College, Irvine. The squad of six beat the old MSMC team record by 39 seconds and took home three age-division trophies. Lopez posted her best time and came close to breaking a Mount record. She ran the 5K in 20 minutes and 47 seconds, nearly catching up with the College's top time of 19 minutes and 27 seconds. That record was set by Bethany Markee.

The tennis team experienced the greatest loss of graduating seniors last year and suited up their squad with no returnees. Top player Maria Gosom, a freshman from Ceritos, California, and her doubles partner Linda Nguyen, a freshman from Sacramento, California, teamed up to give Mount St. Mary's College a new record for the greatest number of double games won in one season.

The team continued under the direction of Coach Scott Smith who is ranked in Southern California's Men's 30 Division.

Mount St. Mary's College faced its greatest challenge in its lack of adequate facilities. Looking towards the future, the Athletic Department is investigating the avenues necessary to provide new fitness and locker facilities, as well as a practice court for Athenian Volleyball and Club Basketball.



Sophomore runner Espie Lopez led the track team, ranking 17th out of 52 in the NAIA District Three championship.



Seniors Becki Schwartz and Kirsten Schleining contributed to the Volleyball Team's improved performance. The team bested its old record with 14 wins and 15 losses for the season.



Aided by three freshmen, the Track Team beat the old MSMC record by 39 seconds at the Eagle 5000. From top to bottom: Coach Edith Arguelles, Chrissy Guadagnini, LeAnne DeFraga and Cheryl Ramirez



Coach Scott Smith headed a whole new tennis team. On the back row (left to right): Coach Smith, Joy DiPalma, Maria Gosom and Linda Nguyen. Front: Kirsten Abundo, Edith Lesaca and Robin Penetrante.



## The All-Stars Cinch Athenian Day, Marking A Back-To-Back Victory

## New Club Seeks To Link Students With Businesses

By Tara Sopwith

A new club on campus, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), has taken actions to provide new opportunities for students in the workplace.

A national business organization, SIFE strives to involve students in the business community by giving members a chance to apply their classroom experience to the real life business world.

The Mount's branch has focused on seven major project areas including creating political caucuses, developing lecture series, educational outreach programs and book exchanges for business students. Other activities include getting students involved in the Rebuild L.A. project, campus life, and a big sisters program.

The political caucuses and lecture series entails discussions and lectures on business areas that especially pertain to women. The group is working on getting an executive panel on campus to talk about the "Glass Ceiling" for women in the work force.

Project Rebuild L.A. offers an opportunity for students to become involved in the community. Students will be working as consulting assistants for small businesses affected by the riots.

SIFE members who are developing and working on the Rebuild L.A. project will get the opportunity to compete and demonstrate the merits of their project in August, along with other SIFE chapters in the region.

SIFE members are also planning campus projects that aim to make business more a part of the Mount community. One of the club's goals is to enable business students on campus to become more informed in what is going on in the business world.

Specifically, members are working on getting business magazines on campus, involving members in local business events, and taking students on a trip to visit the Pacific Stock Exchange.

Advisor and newcomer, Dr. John Geranios, chairman of Mount Saint Mary's business department, said he is looking forward to working with the club members. He added that he hopes to "generate some energy" on campus with the organization.

The group already stimulated some action on the Chalon Campus after it put up political posters last month.

These posters, which were approved by ASB, depicted colorful and attention-grabbing pro-choice statements. They sparked an immediate response from some students who took them down.

Malia Hickok, the member of SIFE's executive board who was in charge of the poster project, said that her goal was to "do a series of posters on different issues that affect women, like abortion and sexual harassment." She added that the posters were "supposed to provoke thought."

However, some students disagreed with the posters, and noted that if the club wanted to promote discussion about controversial issues, they should present both sides of the story, Hickok said.

Still, several other Mount students said that they thought putting up the posters was a good thing because students should be able to say what they feel without worrying about what is accepted. These students were angry and felt that whoever took down the posters was not allowing them to be exposed to controversy.

According to Hickok, the decision to put up the posters was made by SIFE's top executive officers. The majority of SIFE's members were not informed about the posters and were not aware of their purpose.



Alumnae Team players Maria Tinoco and Chris Kaighan got in the groove for 3-legged basketball.



The All-Stars -- Suzanne Sherman, Stacey Monroe, Kirsten Schleining, Kari Wolfe, Becki Schwartz and Noelle Mendoza -- earned the first place rank at Athenian Day for the second year in a row.



The Resident Advisors' Team succumbed to Athenian Day madness.



The raft race sent waves through the pool, helping to cool down heated contestants.

## Student Wish-List Used For Building Renovation Plans

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with the administration. Sosa agreed that Schiro and the RH committee were responsible for pushing the changes.

Sosa also credited the quick implementation of the plan to newer administrators, like the Dean and the Financial Controller, who have been aware of the residence halls' needs and students dissatisfactions.

Unfortunately, Sosa found a lot of the student's wishes were maintenance and management problems, rather than actual renovation needs. These included requests for clean showers, lockers that worked in the bathrooms, working water fountains and quicker action on fixing broken toilets.

Sosa said that Residence Life and the physical plant department share the responsibility for the improvement project. Therefore, while the search for a new plant director is underway, the renovations have been put on hold. However, Sosa said she still expects the projects will be completed by September.

Funding for the renovations came from the College budget which is funded by tuition and residence fees.

## Graduates Slip Into Black And White For Evening Of Elegance

By Heidi Hurskainen

On Friday, March 26, approximately 150 MSMC students and staff attended "An Evening of Elegance" at the Castaway in Burbank.

Andrea Ortiz, one of the Grad Ball Co-chairs, said she considered the event a success. "If I was asked to do it all over again, I would. It was worth it for me to see everyone dressed up and having fun," she said.

Alex Sosa-Amoeda, Director of Residence Life, said, "the evening was wonderful and the women looked fabulous. It was great that faculty and staff were invited to attend."

Ortiz, together with Dion King, led a committee of 12 active members to plan Grad Ball - a formal dinner and dance held in honor of the 1993 graduates. The party, which was open to all students, began at 6:30 p.m. and lasted until 1:00 a.m. It cost \$30 a person.

Pi Theta Mu members greeted guests and checked tickets. They also helped decorate for the party.

The club's president, Claire Quinto said that this year's Grad Ball was the lowest price the event had been since she has been involved with hospitality. However, even with the low prices, ticket sales were the greatest challenge for the committee.

The restaurant required a guarantee of 300 people, but the Grad Ball committee only sold half that number of tickets. Ortiz said, "I thought that lowering the price this year to \$30

a ticket would encourage or entice a greater number of students to attend."

In the past, tickets sold for as much as \$45 a person.

Besides dropping the price, the committee initiated several changes this year. Attendees received party bags that contained two five-by-seven acrylic frames, his and hers garters, a complimentary Grad Ball bid, and a "Don't Drink and Drive" bumper sticker.

Ortiz said, "The committee tried to set a precedent this year by not giving the traditional wine glasses or beer mugs. We felt that they promoted excessive drinking."

Staff members, who were invited as guests by the Grad Ball committee and ASB, took up three tables at the party. They were there to be honored for their contributions to student life.





# Activities & More

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## Weekend Program Offers Full Degrees At Reduced Rates

By Mary Ellen Kenny

Mount St. Mary's Weekend College Program continues to grow with next semester's enrollment projected at 200, according to Merrill Rodin, Director of the Weekend College.

The program has grown significantly since its introduction in the Fall of 1992 with 92 students. Rodin noted that there is a huge market of working adults with families. The Program enrollment is expected to reach 400 by the Fall of 1994, up from its current enrollment of 142.

Previously, the Mount tried to accommodate full-time working adults by offering an Evening Program. This was headed by the then Chair of the Business Department, Dr. David Leese. However, the program was discontinued in the summer of 1992 because enrollment was low with only 25 students.

Then, in an effort to build a more solid program, the College hired a full-time administrative staff, provided marketing funding and switched to a weekend college format. Rodin said that by offering the weekend courses, the working adults could concentrate on a full day of studies without the distractions and stresses of a work day.

Rodin said the student mix is very multicultural. "Ethnically, we have some of everything."

The students range in age from 25 to 65. The program consists primarily of women with full-time careers and families. Most of the students come into the program with some college credits.

The program costs \$8,100 a year, an amount Rodin said was competitive with similar weekend college programs at other campuses. The fee is much cheaper than the regular College tuition, which will be up to \$11,340 for next year.

Each weekend is equivalent to two and a half weeks of a regular school semester so that students can complete their degree in the same amount of time it takes a full-time student. Given the program's intensity, Rodin said it was definitely geared towards more mature students who, among other things, have learned to manage their time more effectively.

"The adults are a different kind of audience because they want to be (at school). They're motivated in a different way. They really want to learn and the teachers get very much turned on because of it."

Weekend classes are taught by the Mount's regular faculty. However, the administration is separate. The program has its own director and administrators.

When the Weekend Program began in the Fall of 1992, many of the 25 Evening Program students took advantage of the new time schedule. However, there were a number of students who were unable to make the transition. In an effort to accommodate these students, the Business Department offered a greater number of evening courses this semester.

The Weekend Program, which offers degrees in Liberal Arts and Business, operates on a trimester system. Classes meet six weekends each trimester. Students may enroll for nine units each trimester, earning up to 27 units each year. The students receive the same degree as full-time students and participate in the same graduation ceremony.

## Students Enjoy A Night Of Hopping, Bopping And Rocking At Fashions

By Carmen Esquer

At 10:15 on Saturday, February 6, the Mount St. Mary's Residence Halls were buzzing with noise. Amidst the sound of blowdryers and the clouds of hair spray, resident students ran around the halls getting ready for the long night ahead.

One student yelled out across the hall, "Where's my pink dress?" as her roommate on velvet black lipstick.

The students were getting ready for an RHA event. "We got together off-campus to go out dancing at Fashions, a night club in Redondo Beach. At first we didn't think people would be interested but by the incredible turn out I think it's been one of the most successful events we've had so far," said Vianca Soto, RHA Vice-President.

Since it was KROQ night the music was mostly alternative. Morrissey, The Cure, Depeche Mode, and some harder rock such as Pearl Jam and the Red Hot Chili Peppers were among the most heard; but for variety some techno, hip-hop and 70's flashbacks were also played.

"It was a great social event with a variety of music and people—especially people who



were out of the ordinary, really unique," said Diana Gonzalez, a junior at the Mount.

Saturday night faded as students danced. Some even did their friendly version of "slam" under the array of multi-colored spinning lights and loud music.

"The most fun came from seeing people I would have never imagined let their hair down put on their go-go boots and do the hand dance to the Village People's 'YMCA,'" said sophomore Jackie Lopez.

"It's nice to see students taking time off their routine lives to get together to support college events. I would like to thank everyone who participated and showed their awesome school spirit," said Silvina Gimenez, RHA treasurer. She added, "This event started as an off-the-wall idea of a resident student named Ximena Vargas. Thanks to her help, the event was a great success!"

Another outing is scheduled for April 17.

## Calendar

### 30 Years Ago

#### Coast Artist In College Post

Jack Hooper, whose paintings had been shown at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, was named Chairman of the Art Department at the Mount.

### 20 Years Ago

#### Mount St. Mary's Students Serve As Peking Proxy

Nine young women from Brentwood's Mount St. Mary's College represented Peking at a Model United Nations meeting, which was held in New York City.

Mount St. Mary's was the only West Coast college present at the week-long meeting. The women said they raised money for their expenses through donations, sales and raffles.

#### Nun to Fight Disease

Sister Gerald Leahy of Mount St. Mary's College traveled to Africa to help scientists combat what she said was man's greatest menace. She explained that most human deaths in the world were caused by disease-carrying mosquitoes. Ticks were the second most deadly pests.

Sister Leahy joined three fellow scientists at the International Center for Insect Physiology and Ecology in Nairobi, Kenya. Her work was funded by a grant from the United Nations.

### 10 Years Ago

#### Alumnae Step Out

Mount St. Mary's Alumnae Relations staged its 21st annual scholarship luncheon, called "Steppin' Out," on April 23rd, in the Grand Ballroom of the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Actor Burt Reynolds, the guest of honor, chaired the program. Fashions from Bonwit Teller highlighted the afternoon. Proceeds were earmarked for the Sister Rose de Lima fund for endowed scholarships.

#### Upcoming Events

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| • May 1     | Mary's Day   |
| • May 3 - 6 | Final Exams  |
| • May 7     | Laurel's Day |
| • May 8     | Graduation   |

Compiled by Patricia Ibanez

## Top Students Will Be Revealed On Laurel's And Mary's Days

By Karen Carbajal

As the school year draws to a close, faculty and staff are once again singling out students for special recognition.

On Laurel's Day, the Doheny students are recognized for academic achievement and outstanding participation in extra-curricular activities.

The highest award, the Estelle Doheny Award, is given to an associate of arts graduate. The student is expected to meet the qualifications of one who "personifies the characteristics of Christian service, graciousness, and concern." Faculty also evaluate candidates for their potential to make a "significant contribution in his or her time." Nine students are under consideration for this award, according to the administration.

Last year, Karen Jimmons, a 20-year-old junior Sociology major who is now a Chalon student, was one of two students who received the award. While at Doheny, Jimmons was involved with student government, the Halloween Haunted Campus and Campus Ministry. She worked closely with Maris Lyons, helping organize dances and planning multi-cultural workshops. Jimmons said her experiences at Doheny helped her develop her leadership skills.

At Chalon, Jimmons continues to be active in campus organizations. Among them, she is the secretary for the African-American Council of Women.

"Being at Mount St. Mary's College and attending the two campuses has enabled me to have the best of both worlds," Jimmons said, adding that "this thought has deepened my appreciation and understanding of myself, skills, culture and other cultures."

Another prestigious Doheny award is the Community Service award, which is given to a student who has demonstrated active leadership in volunteer service for the Los Angeles community. Veronica Cardona, a 20-year-old Psychology & Child Development major, received the award last year.

Cardona's first priority while a freshman at Doheny was her studies and some volunteer work. It wasn't until her sophomore year, when she had adjusted to college life, that Cardona started becoming more active in the school and outside community.

She taught English to Hispanic adults. She also

started a Psychology club at Doheny. During Thanksgiving, Cardona developed a canned food project, collecting donations from students in the dorms and houses on campus.

Now a student at Chalon, Cardona is involved with Campus Ministry and she coordinates activities with the Adopt-A-Sister Program at the Carondelet Center. This year's events with the sisters have included passing out candy at Halloween, a Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas Kris Kringles. Cardona is in the process of organizing a talent show for the sisters in April.

Mary's Day is the Chalon campus equivalent to Laurel's Day. The President's Award and Outstanding Athlete of the Year are two of the many recognitions given out to students who have demonstrated leadership, scholarship and service to the college.

Last year, Terry Yugar received the President's Award and several other recognitions. Yugar is now a graduate student at Harvard Divinity School. She is in Peru this year studying the role of religion in the lives of Peruvian women in the Barridas. According to a letter Yugar wrote to the College, she wants to "link the areas of Psychology and Theology, looking at the role of religion in women's lives."

Kari Wolfe, Director of Athletics, said the athletic award is bestowed on the student who has "exhibited strong leadership within the department of athletics, maintained high academic standards, and was an example in sportsmanship through the mission of the college experience." She noted that four students are under consideration for this year's award.

In addition to the student awards, one faculty member is singled out for recognition. While the other awards are determined by faculty and administration, the teacher is picked by students. At the time of ASB officer elections, students write-in candidates for the teacher and the award is given to whomever receives the most votes.

Mary's Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, at Chalon. Laurel's Day will follow on Friday, May 7 at Doheny.



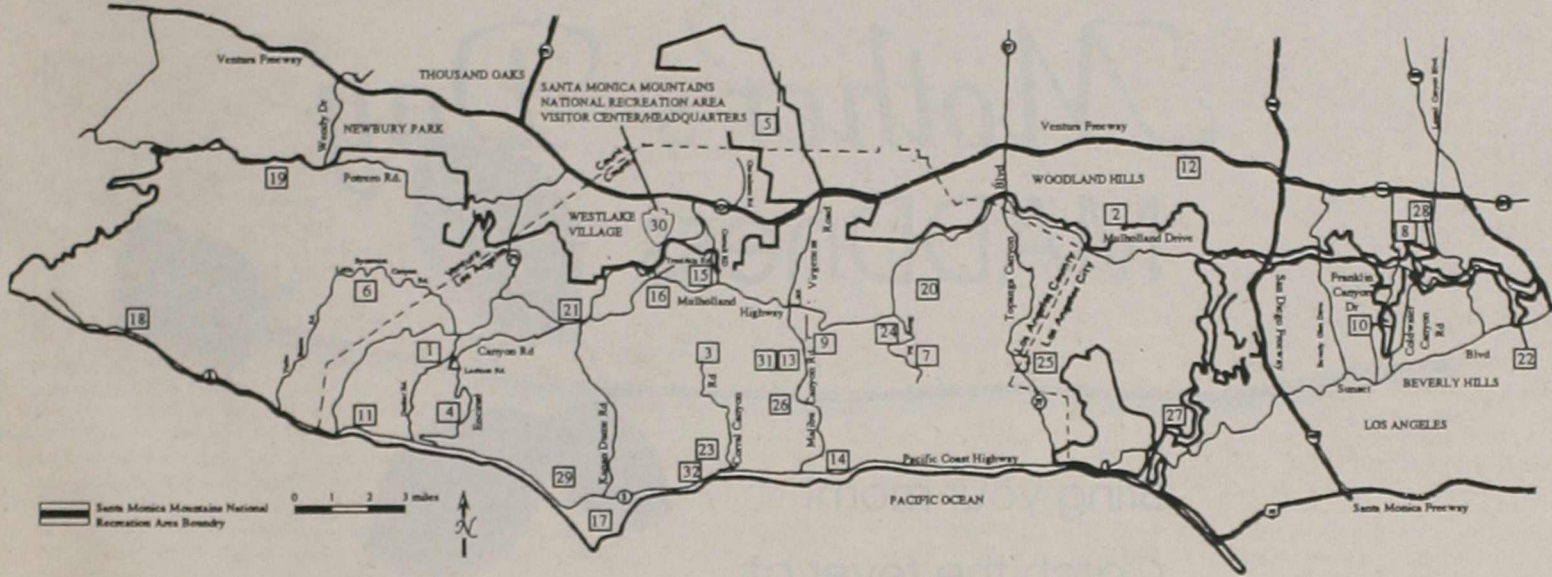
# Local Attractions

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## Map of Santa Monica Mountains Hiking Trails



### SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PARKLAND LOCATIONS

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| 1 Arroyo Sequit Site           | 10 Franklin Canyon Ranch Site/Sooky Goldman Nature Center | 19 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Site   | 28 Will Rogers State Historic Park                           |
| 2 Caballero Canyon             | 11 Leo Carrillo State Beach                               | 20 Red Rock Canyon                    | 29 Zuma Canyon Site  |
| 3 Castro Crest Site            | 12 Los Encinos State Historic Park                        | 21 Rocky Oaks Site                    | 30 National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters         |
| 4 Charmlee County Natural Area | 13 Malibu Creek State Park                                | 22 Runyon Canyon                      | 31 California Department of Parks and Recreation Area Office |
| 5 Cheeseboro Canyon Site       | 14 Malibu Lagoon State Beach                              | 23 Solstice Canyon                    | 32 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Office                 |
| 6 Circle X Ranch Site          | 15 Paramount Ranch Site                                   | 24 Stunt Ranch/Lower Stunt High Trail |  |
| 7 Cold Creek Canyon Preserve   | 16 Peter Strauss Ranch (Lake Enchanto) Site               | 25 Topanga State Park                 |  |
| 8 Coldwater Canyon Park        | 17 Point Dume State Beach                                 | 26 Tapia County Park                  |  |
| 9 Diamond X Ranch Site         | 18 Point Mugu State Park                                  | 27 Wilacre Park                       |  |

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Artist's rendering of Universal CityWalk, opening in May.

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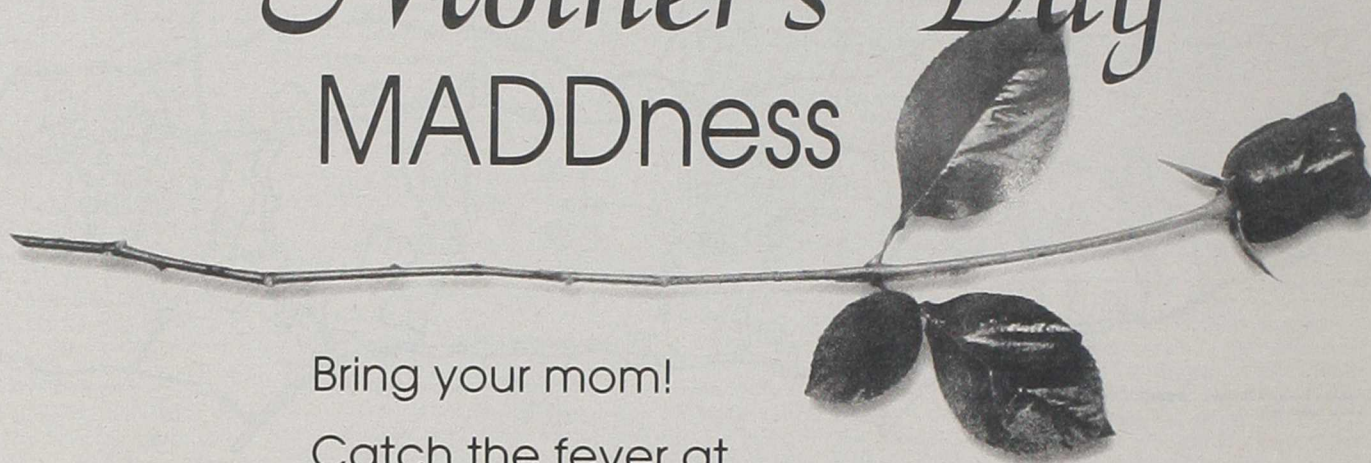
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